



**City of Tacoma
Transportation Commission**

Matt Stevens, Co-Chair, At-Large
Bruce Morris, Co-Chair, At-Large
Richard Gardner, At-Large
James Hill, At-Large
Joe Korbuszewski, District 1
Rubén Casas, District 2
Austin Goble, District 3
Troy Serad, District 4
Penny Grellier, District 5
Pamela Wrenn, City Manager Appointed
VACANT, City Manager Appointed

FINAL Minutes

Meeting: Transportation Commission
Time: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.
Place: Hybrid: 747 Market Street, Room 243 or Zoom

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Meeting ID: 873 1689 1624

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I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

II. Roll Call

CM Wrenn was an excused absence.

III. Review of Minutes (September 20, 2023)

CM Grellier moved to approve the September 20, 2023 minutes as presented. CM Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Ayes: 8 – Gardner, Serad, Casas, Grellier, Goble, Stevens, Korbuszewski, Morris, Hill

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Topics

No members of the public provided comment.

V. Business Items

a) 2022 Streets Initiative Annual Report

Erik Sloan, Pavement Manager, provided an overview of the City's prior and current infrastructure funding. The City pursued a Levy Lid Lift in 2013. Unfortunately, the Levy did not pass. In 2015, Proposition 3 and Transportation Benefit District A were approved by voters to fund pavement preservation and some reconstruction of roadways. He explained the lifecycle and typical condition of the city's roadways/pavement, noting the various types of roadway maintenance treatments.

As part of the annual reporting, he reviewed the spending plan for the lifecycle of Proposition 3 and A, which includes a \$30M commitment from the City to support and partner on projects. The funding is broken in to Residential Pavement Maintenance at \$155M and Capital Projects at \$50M. It is expected that there will be \$325M in total project improvements with grant partnerships. Erik presented the progress that has been made to date and provided an overview of the Streets Initiative Dashboard.

The Commission discussed the metrics, targets, partnerships, challenges with the remaining streets, and proposed improvements. They are very interested in what the next Streets Initiative should include and how



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future improvements to support active transportation will be funded or prioritized.

CM Serad moved to approve the 2023 Streets Initiative Annual Report. CM Goble seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Ayes: 8 – Gardner, Serad, Casas, Grellier, Goble, Stevens, Korbuszewski, Morris, Hill

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

b) **Neighborhood Planning Program Update**

Lauren Hoogkamer, Principal Planner, and Anneka Olson, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the Neighborhood Planning Project (NPP) efforts that was created as a pilot program in 2021. The program supports community-led implementation of comprehensive planning. They provided a summary of the first NPP, McKinley Hill, which was recently completed including community engagement, goals, actions and priority projects. The program includes \$50k for a community identified project.

Anneka presented a summary of the project timeline, which includes wrapping up the planning phase and finalizing key recommendations. She highlighted the proposed actions that are related to transportation, specifically active transportation projects such as Festival Streets, crosswalk improvements, traffic calming, and transit service. Lauren shared that the South Tacoma Mixed Use Center has been selected as the next neighborhood.

The Commission and NPP staff discussed how future Neighborhood Planning Projects are selected, coordination and concurrency with existing, adopted, or future projects/plans/initiatives, how right-of-ways are utilized, and sharing the data to inform the Transportation Master Plan update.

VI. Other Business/Updates

- a) *Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group (Joe Korbuszewski) – Chair Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn shared that BPTAG cancelled the October 23, 2023 meeting.*
- b) *Pacific Avenue Sub-Area Plan Advisory Committee (Richard Gardner and Troy Serad) – CM Gardner shared that Pierce Transit provided a briefing at the City Council Study Session on the status of the Route 1 Enhanced Bus Route.*
- c) *Proctor Neighborhood Plan (Matt Stevens) – Co-Chair Stevens shared that the stakeholder group recently received the draft actions.*
- d) *McKinley Neighborhood Plan (Troy Serad) – CM Serad shared that the bulbouts are being painted and are effective.*
- e) *Joint TOD Task Force (Pamela Wrenn and Troy Serad) – CM Serad shared that the Task Force met on October 11, 2023 and will be working on visioning. CM Wrenn was selected as Chair and CM Chris Karnes, Planning Commission, was selected as Vice-Chair.*

VII. Staff Reports

- a) *Staff Updates – Jennifer Kammerzell, Asst. Transportation Division Manager, shared that Carrie Wilhelme is attending the Bloomberg CityLab Conference and the new Public Works Director, Ramiro Chavez, will be attending the November 15, 2023 meeting.*



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- b) Status of Grant Applications and Major Capital Projects – *Jennifer shared that staff submitted an application for Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Pilot Program for S 38th St and Cedar St: Pedestrian Safety Improvements that include signal and crosswalk improvements, and missing link sidewalks. She also shared that the PSRC Board approved Transportation Alternative Program funding for the Portland Avenue Vision Zero Improvement project (community engagement, traffic study, and design).*
- c) Upcoming Public Meetings and Events – *Honkfest! is October 21, 2023; Upcoming Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Council Committee presentations include Schuster Parkway on October 25, 2023 and Vision Zero and Active Transportation Updates (including Unfit/Unsafe Sidewalks) on November 8, 2023.*

VIII. Commissioner Comments

CM Grellier explained that Pierce Transit will release a survey asking about service to the Parkland Transit Center. CM Serad supports ending the Route 1 at the Parkland Transit Center.

Co-Chair Stevens shared that the Co-Chairs presented the accomplishments and work plan to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Council Committee.

Co-Chair Stevens shared that the Planning Commission is reviewing the parking minimums for corridors that serve high capacity transit. Co-Chair Stevens and CM Serad shared that they provided letters voicing support for reduced parking minimums.

IX. Public Comment

No members of the public provided comments.

X. Adjourn

Co-Chair Stevens adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.





Future Agenda Items

Discussion with Street Operations, Vision Zero Update, Transportation Master Plan Scope of Work, WSDOT Coordination, Schuster Parkway Update, Co-Chair Elections

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